

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM (SPECIAL ELECTION)

The City of Taunton is required to conduct a district-wide referendum to vote on whether to approve the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School proposed construction project

Date: Saturday, March 5, 2022

Polls Open: 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

*****Please see below for absentee ballot information and important dates relative to this election***

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

How do I apply for an absentee ballot to be mailed to me?

An application must be completed in order for an Absentee Ballot to be mailed to you. More information about absentee voting and an application can be found on by clicking here:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleabsentee/absidx.htm>

The completed, ***signed*** application can be returned to us in person, by mailing it to our office, or by scanning and emailing the completed application to: elections@taunton-ma.gov. Please note that electronic signatures are not acceptable.

How long will it take me to receive my ballot?

Ballots are typically available for mailing 2-3 weeks prior to the election. Ballots can only be mailed- we are not permitted to allow ballots to be picked up.

Please apply early to allow ample time for the processing of your application and for the postal services to deliver your ballot to you.

How should I return my completed absentee ballot?

Ballots can NOT be returned to your polling location on Election Day. They must be returned to the Election Department for processing and then will be delivered, by the Election Department staff, to the polls on Election Day.

- Ballots can be returned by mailing it to:

City Hall/Election Department
15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780

- Ballots can be hand delivered to the Election Department
- Ballots can be dropped in the secure ballot box located at City Hall, Riverside Entrance

All Absentee Ballots must be received before the close of Polls on Election Day to be counted.

Can I vote by absentee ballot in person?

Absentee voting can occur in the Election office by coming to the office and completing an application. The voter will then be given a ballot to complete in the office. ***Please note we are not permitted to allow voters to leave with ballots.***

What is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot?

Absentee ballots to be mailed must be requested in writing at least 4 business days before Election Day. For the March 5 referendum, this deadline is **Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm**

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot in person is 12:00 noon on the day before the election. For the March 5 referendum, this deadline is **Friday, March 4, 2022 at 12:00 noon**

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

Friday, February 11- last day to register to vote or change address for March 5 election. Accordingly, the Election Department will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on this day for this service.

You may check the status of your voter registration by visiting the following website: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 -5:00 pm-deadline to submit an application for absentee ballots to be mailed

Friday, March 4, 2022- 12 noon-deadline to apply for an absentee ballot in person